

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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December 28, 2004

Notice to File Report
Regarding Pierce's Disease Assessments Paid During the 2004 Season
(July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005)
Report due by January 28, 2005

TO THE WINEGRAPE COOPERATIVE ADDRESSED:

Section 6047.21(a) of the Food and Agricultural Code mandates the Department to establish a list of those growers eligible to vote on the referendum to decide whether to continue the assessment paid to support research and other activities against Pierce's disease and the glassy-winged sharpshooter. The first step in this process is for the Department to establish an up-to-date list of those persons who paid the assessment on grapes crushed in the 2004 season. Once this list is established, all eligible voters will be given the opportunity to vote on whether or not the assessment should continue. In accordance with Section 6047.24 of the Food and Agricultural Code, cooperatives duly authorized by their members to do so may vote on behalf of their members in the referendum.

The Department needs the cooperation and assistance of all winegrape cooperatives in order to establish an accurate voter list. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6047.21(c) of the Food and Agricultural Code, notice is hereby given to cooperatives that received winegrapes during the 2004 season to file with the Department, no later than January 28, 2005, the following information for each grower from whom they received grapes:

- Grower Name
- Address and telephone number
- Individual or pooled price, as applicable, that each grower received for his/her grapes
- Pierce's disease assessment paid (applicable only if the cooperative remitted the assessment)
- Employer identification number (EIN; if available)
- Tonnage each grower delivered

Additionally, please let us know whether cooperative members are allowed to sell winegrapes to entities other than the cooperative.

Please remember to include your entity if your cooperative also grows grapes (as opposed to only receiving loads from members).

Section 6047.13 of the Food and Agricultural Code addresses the confidentiality of the grower information. Please contact this office if you would like more information on the issue of confidentiality.

We have enclosed a report form for your completion. You need to fill in blanks on the front page of the form and then provide the producer information requested on the reverse side of the form. You may also provide the producer information using any of the following methods:

- Using your own forms or computer printouts. **OR**
- Using the Excel report form available for download at www.cdffa.ca.gov/mkt/mkt/winery.html. (Please call 916-341-6005 if you prefer to request a disk containing the report form.) **OR**
- Submitting the information in ASCII comma-delimited format.

Please consult our office if you have questions regarding reporting electronically.

If the cooperative remitted Pierce's disease assessments we recommend that you have a copy of your completed "Assessments, Report #1" (found in your 2004 Grape Crush packet) in hand when filling out this report.

All reports must be mailed to: California Department of Food and Agriculture
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Your cooperation in submitting the information requested will be greatly appreciated. If you do not respond to this request, it is possible that neither the winegrape growers who belong to your cooperative nor the cooperative itself will be afforded the opportunity to vote in the upcoming Pierce's disease assessment continuation referendum.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Morgan, Branch Chief
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Enclosure